

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to _____.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. The drawings filed on 06 August 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The following examiner amendments correct typos and other grammatical errors.

The application has been amended as follows:

- On lines 10-11, 12, and 13, of page 5 of the specification, the phrase "illuminating member (21)" has been replaced with --illuminating member (22)--.
- On line 14, of page 6 of the specification, the phrase "slid into between" has been replaced with --slid in-between--.
- On line 17, of page 6 of the specification, the phrase "curved blade (313) to it" has been replaced with --curved blade (313) to cut it--.
- On line 2 on claim 1, the phrase "a body with an inside, a front, a rear, a top and a bottom and the body" has been replaced with --a body with an inside, a front, a rear, a top, and a bottom, the body--.
- On line 15 on claim 1, the phrase "and a slot engaged the annular lip" has been replaced with --and a slot engaging the annular lip--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-4 are allowable because of the apparatus with a lever controlling a striking hammer combined with an L-shaped seat belt cutter as set forth in the claims. In regards to Marino et al., Morris et al., Graves et al., Yoho et al., Warner, and Peers-Smith et al., an apparatus is disclosed in which a lever controls the striking hammer but fails to disclose an L-shaped cutter mounted at the rear of the body. None of the prior art cited discloses an apparatus that incorporates the use of lever controlling the position of a striking hammer in combination with an L-shaped cutter mounted movably in a cutter passage in the bottom near the rear of the housing. Therefore, in view of what has been stated above, the claims are allowable over the art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Prone whose telephone number is 703-605-4287. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00, Mon - (every other) Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan N. Shoap can be reached on 703-308-1082. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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